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# **King County Interagency Coordinating Council**

## **MINUTES**

### **January 9, 2006**

**Voting Members Present**

Kevin Bernadt  
Cheryl Buettemeier  
Sandy Duncan  
Adrienne Fatur  
Betsy McAlister  
Heather Moline  
Susan Sandall  
Kari Tanta  
Dawn Williams

**Employer**

KCDDD Board Representative  
Boyer Children's Clinic  
CHAP  
Child Care Resources  
ARC of King County Parent Coalition  
Region 4 DDD  
University of Washington EEU  
Valley Medical Center  
Early Head Start

**Community Members**

Katie Vornbrock	HSDC
Nancy Dalrymple	DOH
Walt Bowen	ITEIP

**Staff Present**

Jan Wrathall	KCDDD
Elaine Goddard	KCDDD
Jane Campbell	KCDDD

## **Introductions**

Sandy Duncan opened the meeting, and asked each person to introduce themselves.

## **Approval of Minutes**

The group reviewed the previous meeting minutes. The following corrections were made:

- Sandy asked for clarification in the EHDDI section that Cheryl has encountered waiting lists for the BAER Hearing Test for older children, not the infant hearing screenings. The BAER test requires sedation.
- Walt attended the DEC not DDC conference.

**01090601** A motion was made and the November minutes were approved as corrected.

## **Community Announcements & ICC Member Reports**

- Betsy McAlister brought a flyer with the schedule for Advocacy Day in Olympia. She encouraged everyone to attend.
- Kari Tanta gave an update on Valley Medical Center's Autism clinic. The clinic takes 4-5 hours in which a medical team conducts OT, Speech and other evaluations, and then meets with the family to go over their recommendations.
- Walt Bowen gave an update on ITEIP. There is no word on funding.
- The State performance plan can be found on the web.
- Two task forces were created at the last legislative session. The Autism Task Force is looking at several topics of concern including education and issues relating to older kids and adults with autism. The Early Learning Task Force has written a proposal for the governor to create a new department of early learning.
- Walt will compile results from the survey and will bring them to the next meeting.
- The State ICC will meet in Olympia on January 19.
- The Elks Club is considering discontinuing the Elks Cares program and shifting their funding to Mary Bridge Hospital. This has been a valuable community program, and Walt encouraged people to write letters of support to the editor.
- Walt will attend the EHDDI conference in Washington DC.
- Cheryl Buettemeier recently sent a letter to Kathy Portner detailing providers' frustration with the ITEIP data system. Many providers have complained that the new IFSP is too long and too detailed. Parents have also expressed dissatisfaction with the form. In addition, fiscal implications for data entry of the new IFSP are prohibitive. There is a data committee conference call scheduled for tomorrow to discuss this issue.

## **KCICC Meeting Dates for 2006**

Jan passed out calendars so the group could plan the KCICC meeting schedule for 2006. The group would like to find a time that is more friendly to parents and bring in more parent participation. The group would prefer to meet quarterly and start the meetings

earlier. **01090602** A motion was made and passed to have meetings quarterly on the second Monday, from 9:30 am - Noon. There will be one exception; Jan needs to have a meeting in September rather than October to present the County plan. 2006 meetings will be scheduled on the following dates:

- January 9;
- April 10;
- July 10; and
- September 11.

Meetings will be held at WorkSource in Renton, Conference Room "Q" (Upstairs).

### **Collaboration between Early Head Start/Part C/and others**

Dawn Williams recently attended a meeting of disability coordinators in King County. They discussed what is working well and the challenges they are facing.

A program that is working well is the United Indians. They are involved in a special quest team which supports early intervention and Head Start. Also, Children's Home Society has a site in King County at the Birth to Three Developmental Center in Federal Way.

Challenges include getting referral information ready by December 1<sup>st</sup>. Kids have to be fully enrolled by that date. They would like a more flexible system. They would also like to be able to do the screening in multiple languages. They currently have a screening in Spanish and use translators for other languages, but they would like the process to be culturally relevant for as many people as possible. The group also discussed using a central location to report openings so FRCs can place children. CHAP is a possible solution for this.

Their next meeting will be in February. They would like to meet regularly and hope that others will participate. Dawn will continue to share information with the KCICC. Jan expressed a concern that Head Start does not have the capacity to serve kids with severe disabilities, and asked what level of support 0-3 can offer to Head Start. Teachers need training on how to serve severely disabled children. Safety concerns and staff training are issues. Adrienne said that the same issues exist in child care agencies.

### **Early Hearing Loss Detection, Diagnosis and Intervention (EHDDI) follow-up**

At the last meeting there was a lot of information shared regarding the EHDDI process. It was suggested that a follow-up committee be formed to continue working on improving this process. Hospitals are learning and improving the initial screening process. Referral rates are going down. The main concern is around follow-up screenings. Many children

are not getting to the second screening, and the group does not want these children falling through cracks. Nancy Dalrymple said that parents will be asked to pay for this screening, which is a problem for people who have to pay out of pocket. There was a lot of concern how low income families will pay for the screening. The State of WA will be following-up on referrals, and will be tracking to see how many families are refusing screenings for financial reasons. Nancy will keep the group apprised. Nancy suggested that any team formed to work on this include people at all levels. This issue will be put on the next KCICC meeting agenda. Nancy will bring loss of follow-up data. She also has a resource guide for families with hearing loss that she can share.

### **Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) Conference**

Jane Campbell gave the group a briefing on the National OSEP Conference. Four people from King County attended the conference. Jane attended several sessions. She has a PowerPoint presentation from a session on natural environments. Anyone interested in receiving a copy should let Jane know. Jane also attended a session on a Multi-media Tool Kit that staff can use to help families in their homes. She also attended a session on using web-based training for FRC's. This option is a possible way to streamline and also sustain training. The upfront investment to go to web-based training is expensive, but it is transportable, so it may be possible to purchase it off-the-shelf. Sandy Loerch-Morris is looking into it as are many other states. NECTEC is going to work on this and keep it current. Jane brought back a series of CDs from some of the speakers on enhancing services in natural environments. Copies will be made for providers to form study groups to listen and discuss the tapes which explain evidence based practices on implementing natural environments.

### **Lead Agency Report**

Jan reported that Swedish Hospital will not contract with King County in 2006 for 0-3 services, but will stay connected to King County ICC. They have found that their services do not fit well into the Part C model with natural environments.

### **Next Meeting**

The next KCICC meeting will be April 10, 9:30 am - Noon at WorkSource, Renton. The Transition Notebook will be on the next meeting agenda.